

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. Added text is underlined and deleted text is either struck through or shown in double enclosing brackets. Applicant avers that no new matter has been added.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of using a trigger in a video stream to access preferred information associated with a viewer ~~for~~ to display[[ing]] targeted information with a video signal, the method comprising:

obtaining said preferred information;

obtaining a list of addresses of ~~said a plurality of~~ targeted information, said list of addresses based on at least one characteristic of a group of viewers comprising said viewer;

storing said list of addresses of ~~said the plurality of~~ targeted information at [[a]]said viewer's location;

receiving said trigger;

selecting an address from said list of addresses of ~~said the plurality of~~ targeted information based upon said trigger and said preferred information;

obtaining said targeted information corresponding to said selected address using said selected address; and

combining said targeted information with said video signal for display.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing said preferred information at said viewer's location.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

storing said preferred information at an upstream source.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
storing said list of addresses by category and identification information;
storing said preferred information by category information; and
determining category and identification information of said trigger.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said selecting an address further comprises:
selecting said address of said targeted information using said category information of said preferred information, and said category and identification information of said list of addresses and said trigger.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said combining further comprises:
generating a targeted video signal from said targeted information; and
combining said targeted video signal with said video signal to generate a combined video signal.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said combining further comprises:
generating an interactive page from said targeted information.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said combining further comprises:
combining said interactive page with said video signal.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of using a trigger from a group of multiple triggers that are associated with a video signal to access preferred information associated with a viewer for to display targeted information with a video signal, the method comprising:

obtaining said preferred information;

obtaining a list of addresses of ~~said a plurality of~~ targeted information, said list of addresses based on at least one characteristic of a group of viewers comprising said viewer;

storing said list of addresses of ~~said the plurality of~~ targeted information at [[a]]said viewer's location;

receiving said multiple triggers;

selecting an address from said list of addresses of the plurality of targeted information by comparing said multiple triggers with said preferred information;

obtaining said targeted information corresponding to said selected address using said selected address; and

combining said targeted information with said video signal for display.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

storing said list of addresses by category and identification information; and

storing said preferred information by category information; determining category and identification information of said trigger.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 12 wherein said selecting an address further comprises:

selecting said address of said targeted information using said category information of said preferred information, and said category and identification information of said list of addresses and said trigger.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said combining further comprises:

generating a targeted video signal from said targeted information; and
combining said targeted video signal with said video signal to generate a combined video signal.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said combining further comprises:

generating an interactive page from said targeted information.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

storing said preferred information.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for displaying targeted information with a video stream, the system comprising:

a trigger embedded in said video stream;

a decoder that separates said trigger from said video stream;

preferred information storage that stores preferred information;

address storage that stores a plurality of addresses of ~~said~~ a plurality of targeted information, wherein said address storage is located at a viewer's location, said list of addresses based on at least one characteristic of a group of viewers comprising said viewer;

a processor that selects at least one address from said plurality of addresses of the plurality of targeted information based upon said trigger and said preferred information and obtains said targeted information corresponding to said at least one selected address using said selected address; and

a combiner that combines said targeted information with said video signal for display.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein said combiner comprises:
a video combiner that combines video signals to generate a combined video signal.
19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said combiner comprises:
a combiner that combines HyperText Markup Language (HTML) pages with a video signal.
20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said decoder, said preferred information storage, said processor and said combiner are all located at the viewer's location.
21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17 wherein said decoder, said preferred information storage, said processor and said combiner are all located at an upstream source.
22. (Currently Amended) A method of using triggers in a video stream to access preferred information associated with a viewer to for display[[ing]] targeted information with a video signal, the method comprising:
obtaining said preferred information;
receiving said triggers, said triggers comprising a list of addresses of a plurality of targeted information, the list based on at least one characteristic of a group of viewers comprising said viewer;
comparing said triggers to said preferred information;
selecting a portion of addresses from said list of addresses from said triggers, said selected portion that corresponding to said preferred information;
storing said selected addresses at [[a]]said viewer's location;
obtaining said targeted information corresponding to said selected addresses using said selected addresses; and
combining said targeted information with said video signal for display.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising:
storing said preferred information at a viewer's location.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising:
storing said preferred information at an upstream source.
26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 further comprising:
storing said targeted information at said upstream source.
27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising:
classifying said preferred information by key words;
classifying said triggers by key words;
selecting addresses from said triggers by comparing key words of said preferred
information and said triggers.
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said combining further
comprises:
generating a targeted video signal from said targeted information;
combining said targeted video signal with said video signal to generate a combined video
signal.
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22 wherein said combining further
comprises:
generating an interactive page from said targeted information.
30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein said combining further
comprises:
combining said interactive page with said video signal.